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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

Town Treasurer, School Treasurer, Trustees and Treasurer of the Public Library, and the Board of Education,

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending February 15, 1904,

WITH THE

Vital Statistics for 1903, as prepared by the Town Clerk.

DOVER, N. H.:
H. E. HODGDON, PRINTER.
1904.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, in the County of Strafford, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Durham, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects, viz.

1. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the town will vote to furnish Electric Lights in Packers Falls, from the Newmarket line near the residence of Eben M. Davis, to the residence of George E. Dame, a distance of about two miles agreeable to a petition signed by Eben M. Davis and eleven other legal voters.

3. To see if the town of Durham, N. H., will accept the conditions of a legacy of one hundred dollars, from the late Susan R. Wilson, for the care and improvement of her burial lot in Durham, and authorize the Selectmen to receipt for the money.

4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a strip of land of Charles L. Gray, for the purpose of useing it for a piece of new road, and to build the same, beginning at a point

near the Cheswell gate, on the highway leading from the residence of Andrew Bell, to Durham Point, and extending for a distance of about 30 rods to another point on the above highway, thus avoiding a rough, ledgy section of the old highway, and to discontinue the latter.

5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cause a highway map of the town to be prepared, and to appropriate money for the expense of the same, agreeable to chapter 133 of the Session Laws of 1903.

6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay necessary Town Charges.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of highway and bridges.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expense of observing Old Home Week, agreeable to chapter 17 of the Session Laws of 1901.

9. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on Taxes paid before July 1, and how much.

10. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for the lighting of the highway leading from the New Market road near the house of David H. Fogg, to the top of Mill Hill (so called) thence to the brook, near the houses of A. D. Page and J. B. G. Dame, passing over the road known as the Durham Point road, with no less than fifteen lights. Contract to date not later than May 1, 1904, and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the same, agreeable to a petition signed by James D. Meader and thirteen other legal voters.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four.

F. E. Doe,
C. E. Hoitt,
Ira B. Hill,
Selectmen of Durham.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS, APRIL 1, 1903.

Polls,	260	$26,00
Improved and Unimproved Lands and Buildings		460,285
Horses,	247	17,974
Asses and Mules,	2	100
Oxen,	18	1,125
Cows,	438	12,469
Other Neat Stock,	113	3,070
Sheep,	197	791
Hogs,	6	100
Carriages,	20	2,000
Stock in Public Funds,		28,050
Stock in Banks and other Corporations in this State,		13,088
Stock in Corporation out of this State,		70
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,		2,699
Stock in Trade,		22,050
Mills and Carding Machines, and Factories and their Machinery,		4,050
TOTAL,		$591,921
Amount of Taxes levied for all purposes,		9493.77
Rate per cent of Taxation for all purposes,		016

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State Tax	$1224.00	
S. D. Wentworth, County Tax	1914.40	
		$3138.40

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Strafford Bank Note,	$500 00	
Strafford Bank Interest 9 mo.	18 75	
Esther Buzzell Interest on Note in full to Feb. 15, 1904	50 00	
		$568 75

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Newmarket Electric Light Power and Heat Co.	$600 00	
		$600 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Mary A. Burnham, Treasurer for Books,	$225 00	
For Incidental expenses,	218 31	
For Insurance,	56 25	
		$499 56

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid G. S. Carpenter, loss of horse on defective highway.....	$50 00
F. E. Doe, cleaning Town Hall and repairing plank walk.....	4 75
J. W. Burnham, Water Service 6 mo. to Feb. 15, 1903.....	25 00
E. C. Eastman, books for town use,.....	10 86
G. A. Merrill, watching fire on Willey lot, July 17, 1903.....	2 00
G. A. Merrill, labor at dry bridge,.....	1 60
Geo. J. Foster & Co., printing reward notice.....	2 00
Dame Bros., oak plank ...	2 00
C. W. Ellison, special policeman, March election	2 00
G. S. Carpenter, 417 ft. plank.....	7 51
C. A. Morse, M. D., returning births and deaths...	3 50
A. E. Grant, M. D., returning births and deaths...	5 50
A. E. Grant, M. D., vaccination of children, 1903.	17 00
A. Demeritt, burying dog..	1 00

Paid F. E. Doe, repairing road machine.....	$3 00
F. E. Doe, repairing and setting guide post.....	1 75
F. E. Doe, labor on Mast road bridge.....	4 00
F. E. Doe, time and expense to Concord.....	5 00
F. E. Jenkins, wood for office	4 75
A. W. Griffiths, official services in case of Adams vs Clark, Dec. 30 and 31, 1903.....	5 71
John Keniston, watching fire on Willey lot, July 17, 1903.....	2 00
Strafford Bank, rent of safety deposit box 1903.....	5 00
Ira B. Hill, water service 1903.....	3 00
Town Treasurer. stationery, postage and express charges.....	3 00
Selectmen, stationery, postage and express charges and car fares.....	5 00
Selectmen, care and transportation of Transients.	4 00
L. B. Bunker, water service 1903.....	3 00
	$183 93

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid J. H. Stevens, Election Clerk, Nov. 4, 1902.....	$3 00
G. H. Caverno, Supervisor March and May election	12 00
C. W. Scott, Supervisor in full to Nov. 4, 1902.....	18 00
I. C. Weld, Supervisor for March and May election	12 00
I. C. Weld, Election clerk, Nov. and May elections.	6 00
F. H. Pinkham, printing town reports, 1902.....	56 00
H. E. Hodgon, printing town vouchers and check lists.....	9 50
Samuel Runlett Jr., services as Dist. Clerk 3 years.....	15 00
Hattie S. Watson, enumeration of children, 1903...	10 00
F. E. Doe, services as selectman.....	40 00
C. E. Hoitt, services as selectman.....	40 00
Ira B. Hill, services as selectman.....	40 00
W. S. Edgerly, services as town treasurer.....	40 00
W. S. Edgerly, services as district treasurer.....	10 00
George D. Stevens, services as town clerk.....	51 25

Paid T. W. Schoonmaker, services as tax collector...	$100 00	
A. E. Grant, salary of school board.....	50 00	
J. B. Smith, G. F. F. A. dividends for 1902.....	113 75	
M. H. Mathes, balance of collectors salary 1896...	25 00	
T. W. Schoonmaker, stationery and tax bills....	6 00	
Auditors.....	4 00	
		$661 50

DISCOUNTS.

Paid T. W Schoonmaker, discounts on taxes paid before July 1, 1903.....	$114 45	

HIGHWAYS.

Amonnt of highway tax assessed.....		$1479 80
Paid J. D. Meader, surveyor district number 1.....	$83 15	
O. D. Page, surveyor district number 2.....	122 93	
P. J. Connor, surveyor disirict number 3.....	80 00	
D. H. Fogg, surveyor district number 4.....	78 60	
M. E. Willey, surveyor district number 5.....	99 93	

Paid F. P. Morrison, surveyor district number 7.....	$349 62	
A. E. Meserve, surveyor district number 8.....	55 83	
F. J. Bunker, surveyor district number 9.....	92 41	
J. H. Scott, surveyor district number 10.....	52 50	
H. S. Tuttle, surveyor district number 11.....	55 00	
H. F. Fogg, surveyor district number 12.....	50 38	
L. R. Philbrick, surveyor district number 13.....	25 60	
G. G. Hoitt, surveyor district number 14.....	37 37	
F. Edwin Doe, surveyor district number 15.....	50 00	
M. G. Woodman, labor on road, 1902.....	16 75	
A. M. Francis, labor on road 1901.....	1 50	
C. F. Pendergast, labor on road 1903.....	6 00	
H. R. Hill, labor on road 1903.....	8 00	
		$1265 57
Amt. of highway tax unexpended.....	$214 23	
		$1479 80

CEMETERIES.

Paid David Stevens, care of Woodman and Furness cemeteries for 1903.....	$10 00	
John H. Scott, care of Griffiths 1903.....	3 00	
M. E. Willey, care of Simpson 1903.....	3 00	
		$16 00

PERMANENT HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

Amount voted and raised..... $300 00

Under this head, two good jobs were completed during the past year: one, under the management of Mr. Albert Demeritt, relaying three culverts at an expense of $30.25, one half of this expense was contributed by Mr. Demeritt, and the balance paid by the town.

The second job was under the management of Prof. C. H. Pettee, cutting down the hill near the residence of Dr. A. E. Grant, and filling in and raising the grade at the foot of the hill. The cost of this work was $257.46, one half of this outlay was met by the combined contributions of the following named persons:

J. T. Bickford, Daniel Chesley, Albert Demeritt, A. E. Grant, E. H. Hancock, J. H. Hawes, A. E. Meserve, W. S. Meserve, F. P. Morrison, F. W. Morse, C. H. Pettee, C. A. Read, C. W. Scott, C. M. Weed.

On the above improvements, the expense of the town was one half the total expended.

Paid A. C. Place, Lumber Co. 56 ft. 10 in., drain pipe..	$15 12	
C. H. Pettee, labor and material.....	128 73	
		$143 85
Balance of fund unexpended	156 15	
		$300 00

MAST ROAD BRIDGE.

Paid F. J. Bunker, labor and material	$48 42	
D. Chesley & Co.....	76 54	
A. C. Place Lumber Co., 3 bbls. cement.....	9 00	
John Newell, Agt. Canton Bridge Co., steel bridge.	132 57	
W. S. Edgerly freight bill..	7 43	
John Follet labor.....	3 75	
		$277 71

SNOW BILLS.

Paid J. H. Stevens, breaking roads.....	$3 75	
J. H. Scott, breaking roads	8 35	
Geo. G. Hoitt, breaking roads.....	14 15	
		$26 25

DOG DAMAGE.

Paid G. H. Amazeen, 9 geese and 3 turkeys.....	$31 00	
D. W. Watson, 1 turkey...	3 00	
Lester Ladderbush, 6 hens.	3 00	
H. G. Burley, one lamb....	3 00	
		$40 00

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount by law required.....	$1,728 00	
Voted in school meetings, schools...	800 00	
Voted in school meeting, for tuitions.....	600 00	
Rec'd from State Literary fund.....	93 22	
Rec'd from state part of Supt. salary.....	150 00	
		$3,371 22
Paid W. S. Edgerly, district treasurer.....	2,979 00	
Balance in town treasury...	392 22	
		$3,371 22

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Rand, McNally & Co.	$20 50
Educational Publishing Co.	12 00

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.....	$10 17	
American Book Co.....	48 56	
Willard Small.....	1 91	
Ginn & Co.....	4 50	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	5 42	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	72 03	
A. H. Place Drug Co.....	3 32	
E. C. Eastman.....	63	
G. H. Whitcher.....	8 87	
W. S. Edgerly.....	2 69	
F. H. Pinkham.....	1 75	
R. E. Lane.....	80	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co...	2 55	
F. P. Morrison.....	2 00	
		$197 70
Amt. voted and assessed for books and supplies.....	$150 00	
Amt. overpaid, due town..	47 70	
		$197 70

REBATES.

Paid E. W. Rollins, overtaxed in 1902.....	$8 00
Mary A. Francis, overtaxed in 1903.....	3 20

ABATEMENTS.

Paid M. H. Mathes on lists with accrued interest, 1894, 1895 and 1896.....	55 22

Paid F. W. Schoonmaker list of 1902.....	$54 66	
		$109 88

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN OF DURHAM FEB. 15, 1904.

LIABILITIES.

G. F. T. A. dividends for 1903.....	$113 75	
Esther Buzzell note.....	1,000 00	
Due schools for 1903	392 22	
		$1,505 97

ASSETS.

Due on col. list of 1901.....	$21 38	
Due on col. list of 1902....	476 75	
Due on col. list of 1903....	1,672 66	
Cash in treasury...	190 24	
		$2,361 03

We the undersigned, auditors of the town of Durham, certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRED E. JENKINS.
ARIOCH W. GRIFFITH.
Auditors.

RECAPITULATION.

State and county taxes.....	$3,138 40
Notes and interest.....	568 75
Street lighting.....	600 00
Public library.....	499 56
Miscellaneous expenses....	183 93
General expenses.....	661 50
Highways.....	1,265 57
Permament highway improvements.....	143 85
Mast road bridge.....	277 71
Snow bills.....	26 25
Cemeteries.....	16 00
Dog damage.....	40 00
Schools.....	2,979 00
School books and supplies.	197 70
Rebate of taxes.....	11 20
Abatements.....	109 88
Discounts.....	114 45
	$10,833 75

REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	306 17	
E. B. Folsom, trustee rent of store.....	1 20	
Hired of Strafford Nat'l. Bank note 9 mo.....	500 00	
T. W. Schoonmaker, tax collector on list of 1991.....	19 40	
Interest.....	1 69	
T. W. Schoonmaker tax collector on list of 1902.....	$194 06	
Abatements.....	54 66	
		$248 72
Interest.....		11 61
T. W. Schoonmaker, tax collector on list of 1903.....	7,685 94	
Discount on taxes paid July 1st 1903.....	114 45	
		$7,800 39
Interest.....		18 16
M. H. Mathes, tax collector on lists of 1894—'95—'96.....		
Abatements.....		55 22
Boston & Albany R. R. Dividends 1903 G. F. T. A.....		113 75

State Treasurer, railroad tax...	$562 29
savings bank tax	956 17
literary fund....	93 22
proportion school fund.....	150 00
Geo. D. Stevens, town clerk, dog licenses.....	135 00
Geo. D. Stevens, town clerk pool table licenses.....	19 00
Woodman legacy withdrawn from bank.....	17 00
Griffiths legacy withdrawn from bank.....	6 00
Simpsom legacy withdrawn from bank.....	6 00
Furness legacy withdrawn from bank.....	3 00
	$11,023 99

CASH PAYMENTS.

Books and supplies	$197 70
General expenses.....	661 50
Schools.....	2,979 00
Highways.....	1,265 57
Dog damage.....	40 00
Snow bills.....	26 25
Permanent road improvements	143 85
Rebates.....	11 20
Mast road bridge.....	277 71
State tax.....	1,224 00
County tax.....	19,14 40
Notes and interest.....	568 75

Street lighting.....	$600 00	
Miscellaneous expenses.....	183 93	
Public library.....	499 56	
Care of cemeteries.....	16 00	
Discount on taxes paid July 1st	114 45	
Abatements.....	109 88	
Cash on hand.....	190 24	
		$11,023 99

TRUST FUNDS

HELD BY THE TOWN OF DURHAM.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

George Ffrost Legacy.

Dividends for 1902 on hand Feb. 15th 1903, as per report.....	$113 75	
Dividends for 1903.....	113 75	
		$227 50
Paid Joshua B. Smith treasurer George Ffrost Temperance association		113 75
Balance due G. F. T. A. dividends for 1903.....		113 75

Woodman Legacy.

On deposit, book A 10909 Strafford Savings bank.....	$300 00	
January 1st 1904, to accrued interest.....	18 27	
		$318 27

Paid town for care of cemetery 1902 and 1903.....		$17 00
		$301 27
Accrued interest not withdrawn		1 27

Griffiths Legacy.

On deposit, book A 10909 Strafford Savings bank.....	$300 00	
January 1st 1904, to accured interest.....	78 64	
		$378 64
Paid town for care of cemetery 1902 and 1903.....		$6 00
		$372 64
Accrued interest not withdrawn		72 64

Simpson Legacy.

On deposit, book A 6088 Strafford Savings bank.....	100 00	
January 1st 1904 to accrued interest.....	6 48	
		$106 48
Paid town for care of cemetery 1902 and 1903.....		$6 00
		$100 48
Accrued interest not withdrawn		48

Furness Legacy.

On deposit, book A 12478 Strafford Savings bank.....	$100 00	
Jan. 1st 1904, to accrued interest	5 32	
		$105 32
Paid town for care of cemetery 1903.....		$3 00
		$102 32
Accrued interest not withdrawn		2 32

WALTER S. EDGERLY, Treasurer.

DURHAM N. H. FEB. 22, 1904.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Durham, certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, road agents and town treasurer and find them correctly cast and all payments properly vouched.

FRED E. JENKINS.
ARIOCH W. GRIFFITHS.
Auditors.

TWELTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The trustees of the Durham Public Library submit the following annual report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

Miss Mary E. Smith resigned her position as Librarian at the March meeting of the trustees, after eleven years of efficient and generous service.

Resolutions of appreciation were passed and she was made Honorary Librarian and a standing member of the book committee, on which she has ably served during the year.

Miss Charlotte A. Thompson was elected as Miss Smith's successor and has successfully filled the position since March 21, 1903. Her salary was fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars. At the March meeting it was voted to open the Library on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 6.30 to 8.30 in the evening. While this has added somewhat to the running expenses, it has proved to be a pleasure and convenience to the public.

Two hundred and twenty five dollars are required for books, the sum of fifty-two dollars and fifty cents will be needed for insurance Nov. 1, 1904, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars will be needed to pay

the librarian and seventy dollars for incidentals for the ensuing year.

The donations to the Public Library and also to the Durham Library Association are shown in the following tables and the report of the Librarian is also tabulated for greater convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE E. BUZZELL, Sec.

LIBRARIANS REPORT.

	books
Bought with town appropriation, $25	21
Bought with town appropriation, $200	154
Bought with Simpson fund	373
Increase during the year	575
Total number bound volumes	9000
Magazine subscriptions	24
Average circulation per month	806
Average circulation per week	185
Distributed between March 21 and Jan 31, total	8241
afternoons	4276
evenings	3965

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DONORS.	Books.	Pamphlets.	Unbound Magazines.
David Farquhar, Cambridge, Mass....	1		
J. H. Gallinger.....	6		
U. S. Government.....	5		
Albert E. Pillsbury	1		
Harper Bros., New York.....	1		
N. H. State Government.....	8		
National Sound Money League.....	1		
Library Bureau, Boston, Mass	1		
Miss C. H. Garland, Dover, N. H.....		1	
Lucien Thompson.....	1	2	
U. S. Dept. Agriculture.....		10	
N. H. College.....		4	10
N. Y. State Government.....		2	
Rev. Chas. Caverno.....		1	
Mrs. H. H. Lamson.....			24
Mrs. Mark H. Mathes.....			23
	25	20	57

DURHAM LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

DONORS.	Books.	Pamphlets.	Unbound Magazines.
Lucien Thompson.....	3		
Miss M. E. Smith.....	34		
Mrs. S. Lane, Lee, N. H		1	
Miss C. H. Garland, Dover, N. H.....		1	
J. T. Wilson, Nahant, Mass.....		1	
N. H. College		1	
Dept. of Labor, N. Y.....		1	
U. S. Dept. Agriculture.....		4	
Miss M. E. Smith.....			738
	37	9	738

REPORT OF TREASURER

OF

Durham Public Library, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Town of Durham, as per contract with Durham Library Association, for books to be owned by the association.....	$200 00	
Town of Durham, as per contract with State of New Hampshire, for books to be owned by town.....	25 00	
Town of Durham, for incidental expenses of library, as per contract with Durham Library association.....	274 56	
Received from fines.....	18 65	
		$518 21

EXPENSES.

Books.....	$222 22
Money in Treasurer's hands on book account.....	2 78
Librarian's salary.....	150 00
Library supplies.....	17 11
Postage and stationary.....	7 03
Insurance.....	56 25

Janitor work and supplies.....	$15 40	
Electric lighting.....	15 39	
Express.....	11 72	
Repairs.....	2 25	
Coal and wood.....	18 06	
		$518 21

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. BURNHAM, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that the foregoing accounts for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904, are correctly cast and properly vouched.

G. H. SAWYER,
F. E. DOE,
CLARENCE FOWLER,
Finance Committee.

GEORGE FFROST TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Jan. 1903.....	$2 52	
Boston & Albany R.R. dividends 1902.....	$113 75	
Assessments from members.....	32 00	
Received from Savings Bank....	50 00	
		$198 27

Payments.

Benefits to members.....	$144 00	
Incidentals.....	10 26	
Cash on hand Feb. 9, 1904.....	44 01	
		$198 27
In Savings Bank.....	$1,298 30	
Cash on hand.....	44 01	
		$1,342 31
Membership fees.....	$133 26	
George Frost fund.....	1209 05	
		$1,342 31

JOSHUA B. SMITH, Treas.

Durham, N. H., Feb. 9, 1904.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the School District of Durham, N. H., qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said district on the twelfth day of March, nineteen hundred and four, at two o'clock P. M., to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of board of education for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise in addition to that required by law for the support of public schools and repairs of school houses.
6. To see whether the district will vote to establish and maintain a High School, and appropriate money therefor.
7. To choose such auditors, agents and committees as the voters may deem necessary for the management of the affairs of the district.
8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Durham, this 23rd day of February, 1904.

ALBERT E. GRANT.
CHARLES S. LANGLEY.
CLARENCE M. WEED.
School Board.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

After several years of efficient service Superintendent George H. Whitcher resigned in December to take charge of the Berlin, New Hampshire, schools. The place thus made vacant was filled by the Joint Committee of the Supervisory District in the election of Mr. W. B. Sprague of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Sprague is a graduate of the Albany Normal College and Harvard College, and has had experience in teaching and supervision in schools varying from the country district schools to city grammar schools and city high schools. He comes to us with the fullest endorsement of his former associates and has begun his work in a very promising way.

During the year now closing we believe the Durham schools on the whole have made fair progress. The pupils have shown an active interest in their work, as a result of the efforts of their teachers. A few changes in the teaching force have been unavoidable, but the school work has not been seriously interrupted at any time.

The heating plant in the Village school has stood the test of the severe winter satisfactorily. When schools in neighboring cities were closed on account of the cold, the Village school has continued in session in rooms comfortably heated. It became neces-

sary to paint the Packers Falls school-house during the summer, but this was done by means of the year's appropriation without incurring a deficit.

The question having been raised as to whether the pupils completing our eighth grade were prepared to go on with the work of the high schools in neighboring cities, inquiry was made of the principal of Robinson Seminary, Exeter, where several Durham pupils have been attending from one to three years. In reply Principal Cross wrote: "The record of the Durham girls is an excellent one. But one has ever failed in any study and several now have honor rank. My impression is that the Durham girls have come to us well prepared." He added that he would be glad to admit pupils from our eighth grade on certificate signed by our Superintendent.

The intermediate and grammar grades in the village have been fortunate in having, without cost to the district, special instruction in drawing by Miss Castine C. Swanson, and in singing by Mrs. W. B. Sprague. This has been made possible partly through the generosity of these instructors, and partly through the financial help of one interested in the schools. Dr. Grant has also supervised the work in physiology, without charge. These grades through the contributions of a number of friends, have been supplied with twenty-five pairs of wooden dumb-bells for gymnastic exercises.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

The rapidly increasing expenditure for high school tuition has led many of our citizens to ask if the people of Durham are not sending out of town enough money to maintain a high school at home. Begin-

ning next September the town will be liable for high school tuition for twenty-five pupils, there being fourteen or fifteen to enter in the new class. and only three or four to graduate from the high school. On the supposition that fifteen of these go to Dover and ten to Exeter, the cost for tuition at present rates will be

15 pupils, Dover, at $36 00 each.....	$540 00	
10 pupils, Exeter, at $30 00 each.....	300 00	
Total		$840 00

In addition to this the parents or guardians of these pupils will have to spend for railway fare the following.

15 pupils to Dover at $22 50 each.	$337 50	
10 pupils to Exeter, at 29 50 each.....	295 00	
		$632 50

Adding these two amounts the total cost to the citizens of Durham will be

Tuition.....	$840 00	
Railway fare.....	632 50	
Total		$1472 50

This money goes out of town, not to come back. There are also additional expenses to the parents for better clothes than would be needed at a home school and for lunches or meals at noon. Besides there are

serious objections to having children of high school age spending so much time in waiting at city railway stations, and to their being away from home so large a part of the day.

A careful estimate of the cost of maintaining a high school at home gives these figures:

Principal's salary.....	$800 00	
Assistant's salary	400 00	
Janitor and fuel	120 00	
Books and supplies.....	100 00	
Total		$1420 00

Almost all of this money would be spent in Durham, helping to build up the town.

It is plain from this statement that the citizens of Durham are now spending as much money as would maintain a good high school in our midst. Evidently the reasonable thing to do is for the parents to turn into the District treasury for the support of a high school the money they are now spending in railway fares. Nearly all the parents have expressed a willingness to do this, and it is expected that at the next school meeting, a definite offer in writing of at least $400.00 a year for four years will be made to the District, for the maintainance of a high school. Several of the parents also agree to donate desks for the fitting up of the school room, and enough other desks which are not in use are already owned by the District.

To the citizens who are considering the advisability of accepting such a proposition this Board would call attention to the following facts:

The one great principle underlying our American

school system is that of *an equal opportunity for every child.*

Our present high school system practically says to each child of high school age, "If you can afford to pay the carfare to Dover or Exeter, you can go through the high school; if not, you cannot."

It discriminates against the less fortunate child who presumably needs the opportunity most.

Our present system makes it easier for the child living near the railway station to go to the high school than the one living farther away. The number of high school pupils is certain to increase in future years.

Superintendent Sprague has had experience in teaching in some of the best high schools in America and is eminently fitted to organize the work in a successful manner.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has assured us that if the proposed plans are carried out the school will be placed on the official list of Approved High Schools.

As to the cost of teachers one of the largest teachers' agencies in the country wrote us.

"For a competent man as high school principal you ought to pay $800 or $900, but might be fortunate enough to secure a really excellent man for $700. For a woman assistant you should pay from $400 to $450. A lady with one year's successful experience might be available at that salary."

Such a high school would so complete our school system that Durham would become one of the most desirable places of residence in the state. It would tend to build up the town. Under the present system the moving in of a family with children of high

school age is likely to mean an added burden to the town.

The financial statement of the schools will be found in the accompanying statement of the treasurer. All bills presented before the books were closed February 15, have been paid, with a balance of school funds of $501.26 now in the treasury. This will pay all bills up to the end of the winter term, and leave a small amount in the treasury, both on the school account and on the tuition account.

ALBERT E. GRANT,
CHARLES S. LANGLEY,
CLARENCE M. WEED,
School Board.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Board:

Gentlemen:—In presenting my last report, which covers that part of the year included between February 14th, 1903 and January 1st, 1904, I wish to express my appreciation of the generous treatment I have received at your hands, especially in releasing me to accept the position offered me in Berlin, New Hampshire. I also am greatly impressed with the evident satisfaction of the several boards that make up the Joint Supervisory Board as formulated in the resolutions passed approving of the scheme of work which has been introduced in the schools of this district.

So far as the schools of Durham are concerned I may be pardoned if I very briefly outline their condition now and eight years ago. At that time the Durham Grammar School had no recognized standing in any of the surrounding towns, and pupils were not taken on certificate from here into the high schools in either Dover or Exeter. Now the graduates of this town are recognized by high school authorities as fully prepared to take up high school work, and as elsewhere suggested are found to be among the leaders in their respective classes.

This is all the more a cause for rejoicing because we emphatically claim that the methods here in use are not the time honored ones but are a decided departure from the education that values information more than training. It has been the belief that a

mind trained to observe, to think and to express its conclusions is a mind capable of holding its own in any position. While rule and definitions have little part in the training that has prevailed in Durham for the past five or six years, the aim has been to develop self-reliant thinking and an ability to reason from cause to effect; power to see things in the natural world and to note their relation to each other and to mankind; and it has been our belief that pupils thus trained will be able to meet all the reasonable requirments of life either in school or out.

It is with no little satisfaction that I note the determination of the Joint Board to continue the work thus started, and I feel sure that the schools will constantly improve under the management of my successor.

Respectfully presented,

G. H. WHITCHER.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

From July 1902 to July 1903.

Whole number of boys enrolled	82	
Whole number of girls enrolled	59	
Total		141
Average membership	111.6	
Average attendance	90.6	
Per cent of attendance	81.6	
Average salary per month	$37.25	
Number of Normal school graduates teaching	4	
Number of college graduates teaching	1	
Average current expenses per pupil	18 56	
Average expense for books and supplies	1 37	
Number of weeks of school	36	
Greatest number of scholars in any school	46	
Least number of scholars in any school	18	
Number of pupils whose high school tuition is paid by town	18	
Number of visits by school board	30	
Number of visits by superintendent	81	
Number of visits by citizens	308	

REPORT OF TREASURER

OF THE

Durham School District for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1904.

AVAILABLE SCHOOL MONEY.

Cash on hand.....	$59 52	
Amount required by law.....	1,728 00	
Amount raised for schools.....	600 00	
Amount raised for repairs.....	200 00	
Amount raised for tuition.....	600 00	
Literary fund.....	93 22	
From State for salary of Supt...	150 00	
From H. E. Canney, tuitions...	35 00	
From sale of shed at Mast road school house.....	10 00	
Available school money.....		$3,475 74
Balance due from town.....		392 22
		$3,083 52

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15th 1903	$59 52
Received from town treasurer...	2,979 00

Received from H. E. Canney, tuitions	$35 00	
Received from sale of shed	10 00	
		$3,083 52

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers and Superintendent	$1,799 90	
Janitors	117 00	
Cleaning school houses	29 40	
Tuitions	523 00	
Fuel	269 76	
Missecellaneous Expenses	59 55	
Repairs	175 87	
	$2,974 48	
Cash on hand	109 04	
		$3,083 52

TEACHERS.

Village Grammar School.

Spring, Phoebe E. Stone, 12 weeks	$132 00	
Fall, Ethel M. Paige, 14 weeks	165 20	
Winter, Ethel M. Paige, 4 weeks	47 20	
		$344 40

Village Intermediate School.

Spring, Edla M. Winship, 12 weeks	$126 00	
Fall, Edla M. Winship, 10 weeks	110 00	
Fall, Mary O'Dowd, 3 weeks	33 00	
Winter, Eda V. Archibald, 4 weeks	40 00	
		$309 00

Village Primary School.

Spring, Jessie M. Dustin, 12 weeks	$126 00	
Fall, Jessie M. Dustin, 14 weeks	154 00	
Winter, Jessie M. Dustin, 4 weeks	44 00	
		$324 00

Point School.

Spring, Nellie M. Forbes, 12 weeks	$102 00	
Fall, Anna E. Godding 14 weeks	140 00	
Winter		
		$242 00

Packers Falls School.

Winter, Grace I. George, 5 weeks (outstanding bill).....	$40 00	
Spring, Carrie A. Bartlett, 10 weeks.....	80 00	
Fall, Grace B. Dana, 14 weeks.	98 00	
		$218 00

SUPERINTENDENT.

Geo. H. Whitcher (outstanding bill)..... ...	$63 75	
Geo. H. Whitcher, in full to Jan. 1st 1904.....	273 75	
W. B. Sprague.....	25 00	
		$362 50

JANITORS.

Village, Warren C. Hayes.....	$93 00	
P. Falls, Willie Francis.....	24 00	
		$117 00

CLEANING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Village, Mrs. Annie Davis.....	$2 85
Mrs. H. A. Palmer....	9 10
J. S. Woodward.....	4 50

Village, G. H. Hill.....	$2 70	
John A. Smith.....	1 00	
H. A. Palmer.....	2 25	
Point, Mrs. Carrie A. Langley..	3 00	
P. Falls, Mrs. A. M. Francis...	4 00	
		$29 40

TUITIONS.

Dover High School.....	$265 00	
Robinson Seminary.....	190 00	
Philips Exeter Academy (old bill).....	30 00	
Newmarket High School.....	32 00	
Newmarket 7th grade.....	6 00	
		$523 00

FUEL.

J. Langley & Sons, coal.....	$218 76	
Andrew Langly, wood.....	13 00	
W. S. Meserve & Son, wood...	20 50	
Willie Francis, wood.....	5 00	
Sarah J. Woodman, wood.....	10 50	
F. E. Jenkins, hauling wood...	2 00	
		$269 76

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

W. C. Hayes, janitors supplies	$7 78	

W. S. Edgerly, glass, brooms, etc.	$12 56	
F. E. Doe, labor and stock	5 90	
D. Chesley & Co., labor on Mast road shed	10 00	
Newmarket Electric L. P. & H. Co., setting flag pole	9 00	
Thomas Smith, carrying water	2 50	
A. E. Grant, disinfecting fluid	1 00	
R. E. Lane, enumerating cards	40	
F. P. Morrison, delivering f'gt. and express	8 09	
G. H. Whitcher, expense to Plymouth	2 32	
		$59 55

REPAIRS.

Village,	Mell Crouse, labor	$2 25
	F. E. Doe, labor and stock	17 85
	S. E. Dunham, labor and stock	5 00
	Smith Thayer & Co., repairs	2 88
	A. Moulton & Co., repairs	32 38
P. Falls,	Robert Parker, labor	43 00
	G. W. Pinkham, labor	11 25
	W. S. Edgerly, paint etc.	32 44

P. Falls, J. H. Griffin, shingle stain.....	17 50	
Village, G. H. Whitcher, freight and expense buying heating apparatus.....	11 32	
		$175 87

WALTER S. EDGERLY, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the School District and find them correctly cast and all payments properly vouched.

FRED E. JENKINS.
ARIOCH W. GRIFFITHS,
Auditors.

Durham, N. H., Feb. 22nd 1904.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Resigtered in the Town of Durham
for the year ending December
31, 1903.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.

1903. Date of Birth.		Place of Birth.	Name of Child.	No. of Child.	Name of Father,	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan.	5	Durham	—— Thompson	5	Lucien Thompson	Lizzie Gage
"	7	"	Alma Ladderbush	7	Lester Ladderbush	Emma Foucher
"	14	"	Evelin R. Hanscom,	2	Herman M. Hanscom	Hannah Stimpson
"	21	"	—— Willey	2	Mark E. Willey	Annie Arsenault
Feb.	2	"	Harrison Fowler, Jr.	1	Harrison Fowler	Elizabeth Jones
Mar.	26	"	John W. Pound	1	Ernest Pound	Stella York
May	29	"	—— Morrill	2	Ernest Morrill	Florence Bickford
July	3	"	—— Hawes	1	Joseph H. Hawes	Mary Derby
Sept.	28	"	Marion P. Burnham.	3	Joseph Burnham	Bessie Winkley
Oct.	31	"	Mary A. Marston	8	Edward A. Marston	Mary A. Drew
Nov.	14	"	—— Jenkins	5	Fred E. Jenkins	Lillian Montgomery
"	16	"	—— Bunker	2	George F. Bunker	Eva Cate
"	17	"	Herbert T. Whitcher	1	George H. Whitcher	Emma Tuttle
"	19	"	—— Hoitt	5	George G. Hoitt	Lura Sleeper
Dec.	15	"	John Manley	2	Joseph Manley	Anna Ring
"	21	"	Agnes G. Stevens	4	Clarence E. Stevens	Nellie Gallant

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.

1903. Date of Marriage.		Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each.	Age.	Place of Birth.	By Whom Married.
June	27	Newmarket	Andrew J. Glidden	Durham	50	Durham	C. S. Young
			Alma C. Prout	Kennebunk, Me.	30	Prout's Neck, Me.	Newmarket

July	21	Quincy, Mass	Jacob Hytien	Durham	33	Finland	Karl Henrikson
			Olga Rikson	"	17	"	Quincy, Mass
Aug.	6	Dover	Albert F. Conradi	"	26	New Breman, O.	George E. Hall
			Edith A. Demeritt	"	25	Dover	Dover
"	25	Durham	Henry J. Steuber	Laroy, N. Y.	27	Laroy, N. Y.	William S. Beard
			Mrs. Dora M. Meserve	Durham	33	Hyde Park, Mass.	Durham

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.

1903. Date of Death.		Place of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.	Place of Birth.	Disease or Cause of Death.
Jan.	5	Durham	——— Thompson	..	Durham	Premature
May	25	"	Charles H. Bunker	64	Durham	Cardiac Dropsy
June	14	"	Maria D. Field	75	Berlin, Vt	Gastritis
July	3	"	Sarah A. Rand,	71		Rheumatism of Heart
"	10	"	Helen L. Bentley	8	Somerville, Mass	Suppurative Tonsilitis
"	10	"	Louise S. Smith	76	Durham	Cardiac Dropsy
Aug.	9	"	Susan R. Wilson	85	Durham	Acute Bronchitis
Sept.	18	"	Viola Ladderbush	6	Durham	Tuberculosis
Oct.	27	"	Ada J. Stevens	45	Strafford	Tuberculosis
Dec.	30	"	John Quimby	80	East Wakefield	Suicide